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Applicant: Thiers et al.  
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Title: FLOOR PANEL, ITS LAYING AND MANUFACTURING METHODS  
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This is a decision on the paper requesting a corrected publication under 37 CFR 1.221(b) received on May 3, 2006, for the above-identified application

The request is DISMISSED.

Applicant requests that the application be republished because the patent application publication contains a material error on the front page of the publication as the second inventor's name "Lode Hubert Lieven De Boe" is misspelled as "Lode Hubert Lieven Moorsledge."

37 CFR 1.221 (b) is applicable "only when the Office makes a material mistake which is apparent from Office records.... Any request for a corrected publication or revised patent application publication other than provided as provided in paragraph (a) of this section must be filed within two months from the date of the patent application publication. This period is not extendable." A material mistake must affect the public's ability to appreciate the technical disclosure of the patent application publication, to determine the scope of the patent application publication, or to determine the scope of the provisional rights that an applicant may seek to enforce upon issuance of a patent.<sup>1</sup>

The request for corrected publication received on May 3, 2006, was not timely filed under 37 CFR 1.221(b).

The error noted by requestor wherein the inventor's name "Lode Hubert Lieven De Boe" is misspelled as "Lode Hubert Lieven Moorsledge" is an Office error but the mistake is not a material error under 37 CFR 1.221(b). The mistake is a typographical, which does not affect the understanding of the application. The mistake does not affect the public's ability to appreciate

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<sup>1</sup>Changes to Implement Eighteen-Month Publication of Patent Applications, 65 FR 57023, 57038 (Sept. 20, 2000), 1239, Off. Gaz. Pat. Office Notices 63, 75 (Oct. 10, 2000) (final rule).

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